



THE BORDER

Where We Stand

While there are many positive characteristics of this unique and dynamic region, this analysis high-

lights key economic and social challenges that the region must meet. Many of the assumptions that form the foundation of this

report are based on how this region differs from the rest of the state.

TABLE A-1.1
Comparative facts and figures about the Texas Border Region

If the 43-county Texas Border region were the 51st U.S. state, it would rank:		Where Texas ranks among the 50 states:	Where Texas' non-Border counties rank, compared to the Border region and the other states:
1st	poverty rate (29.5% in 1993)	6th (19.6% in 1993)	13th (17.0% in 1993)
1st	schoolchildren in poverty (38.0% of 5-to 17-year olds in 1993)	5th (26.1% in 1993)	14th (22.5% in 1993)
1st	unemployment rate (8.0% in 1997)	10th (5.4% in 1997)	40th (3.7% in 1997)
1st	percent of the adult population that does not have a high school diploma (37.3% in 1990)	12th (27.9% in 1990)	14th (25.7% in 1990)
1st	birth rate (21.0 live births per 1,000 population from July 1995 to 1996)	3rd (17.2 births per 1,000 population from July 1995 to 1996)	7th (16.2 births per 1,000 population from July 1995 to 1996)
1st	percent of the population that speaks Spanish at home (57.1% in 1990)	2nd (22.1% in 1990)	5th (13.4% in 1990)
2nd	average household size (3.2 persons per household in 1990)	7th (2.8 in 1990)	15th (2.7 in 1990)
2nd	school enrollment as a percent of the population (31.5% in 1990)	6th (28.3% in 1990)	12th (27.5% in 1990)
2nd	death rate from hepatitis and other liver diseases (14.3 deaths per 100,000 population in 1995)	15th (10.0 deaths per 100,000 population in 1995)	27th (8.8 deaths per 100,000 population in 1995)
3rd	percent of population that is 15 to 19 years old (8.6% in 1994)	14th (7.4% in 1994)	23rd (7.1% in 1994)

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3rd	percent of the population that is foreign-born (14.9% in 1990)	8th (9.0% in 1990)	13th (7.5% in 1990)
3rd	female-headed families [no husband present] as a percent of all households (14.2% in 1990)	17th (11.2% in 1990)	25th (10.6% in 1990)
3rd	death rate from diabetes mellitus (30.2 diabetes deaths per 100,000 population in 1995)	17th (24.4 diabetes deaths per 100,000 population in 1995)	25th (22.8 diabetes deaths per 100,000 population in 1995)
5th	Department of Defense active military and civilian direct employment (87,268 in 1996)	3rd (166,958 in 1996)	6th (79,690 in 1996)
5th	property crime rate (5,844.8 per 100,000 population in 1995)	14th (5,020.5 per 100,000 population in 1995)	20th (4,804.0 per 100,000 population in 1995)
6th	married-couple families as a percent of all households (60.4% in 1990)	23rd (57.8% in 1990)	29th (57.2% in 1990)
6th	average annual population growth during the 1990s (2.4% annual growth from 1990 to 1996)	9th (1.9% annual growth from 1990 to 1996)	11th (1.8% annual growth from 1990 to 1996)
8th	per-capita local government spending on elementary and secondary education (\$1,150 in 1993)	11th (\$1,058 in 1993)	12th (\$1,034 in 1993)
8th	major Department of Defense installations (10 in 1996)	3rd (17 in 1996)	10th (7 in 1996)
9th	employment growth (2.9% annual average growth from 1991 to 1997)	10th (2.7% annual average growth from 1991 to 1997)	11th (2.6% annual average growth from 1991 to 1997)
14th	marriage rate (9.5 marriages per 1,000 population in 1996)	14th (9.4 marriages per 1,000 population in 1996)	15th (9.4 marriages per 1,000 population in 1996)
16th	total area (79,422.9 square miles in 1990)	2nd (267,277 square miles in 1990)	2nd (187,854.1 square miles in 1990)
16th	growth in number of business establishments (11.2% increase from 1990 to 1995)	16th (11.1% increase from 1990 to 1995)	17th (11.1% increase from 1990 to 1995)
21st	percent of the population with some college education but no degree (19.2% in 1990)	14th (21.1% in 1990)	13th (21.5% in 1990)
23rd	violent crime rate (553.3 per 100,000 population in 1995)	17th (663.8 per 100,000 population in 1995)	17th (692.2 per 100,000 population in 1995)
24th	population (3.9 million in July 1996)	2nd (19.1 million in July 1996)	3rd (15.2 million in July 1996)
24th	recent growth in annual average pay (3.8% from 1995 to 1996)	8th (4.6% growth from 1995 to 1996)	7th (4.7% growth from 1995 to 1996)

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25th death rate from HIV infection (9.4 HIV deaths per 100,000 population in 1995)	12th (14.8 HIV deaths per 100,000 population in 1995)	10th (16.1 HIV deaths per 100,000 population in 1995)
27th civilian labor force (1.8 million in 1997)	2nd (9.9 million in 1997)	3rd (8.2 million in 1997)
28th military veterans per 100 households (30 in 1990)	43rd (28 in 1990)	44th (28 in 1990)
30th total personal income (\$60.3 billion in 1995)	3rd (\$397.1 billion in 1995)	3rd (\$336.8 billion in 1995)
32nd average annual pay in retail trade (\$13,968 in 1996)	17th (\$15,341 in 1996)	14th (\$15,651 in 1996)
34th number of farms (19,604 in 1992)	1st (180,644 in 1992)	1st (161,040 in 1992)
34th divorce rate (3.6 divorces per 1,000 population in 1996)	13th (5.0 divorces per 1,000 population in 1996)	13th (5.4 divorces per 1,000 population in 1996)
36th average annual pay in government (\$26,443 in 1996)	33rd (\$26,834 in 1996)	29th (\$26,944 in 1996)
38th average annual pay in finance, insurance and real estate (\$29,794 in 1996)	11th (\$36,470 in 1996)	11th (\$37,763 in 1996)
39th average annual pay in mining (\$34,130 in 1996)	2nd (\$56,568 in 1996)	2nd (\$58,943 in 1996)
40th infant mortality rate (6.3 deaths of infants under 1 year old per 1,000 live births in 1995)	39th (6.5 infant deaths per 1,000 live births in 1995)	36th (6.6 infant deaths per 1,000 live births in 1995)
42nd average annual pay in services (\$21,416 in 1996)	14th (\$26,660 in 1996)	10th (\$27,720 in 1996)
42nd average annual pay in wholesale trade (\$28,561 in 1996)	13th (\$37,913 in 1996)	12th (\$39,339 in 1996)
43rd percent of the population with a postgraduate degree (5.3% in 1990)	23rd (6.5% in 1990)	22nd (6.7% in 1990)
44th percent of the population with a bachelor's degree as the highest level of educational attainment (10.3% in 1990)	17th (13.9% in 1990)	15th (14.7% in 1990)
44th vehicles available per household (1.6 in 1990)	37th (1.7 vehicles per household in 1990)	31st (1.7 vehicles per household in 1990)
45th percent of the population with an associate's degree as the highest level of educational attainment (4.8% in 1990)	36th (5.2% in 1990)	36th (5.2% in 1990)
46th average annual pay (\$22,541 in 1996)	15th (\$28,140 in 1996)	11th (\$29,293 in 1996)

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47th average annual pay in transportation, communications and public utilities (\$29,286 in 1996)

13th (\$36,681 in 1996)

8th (\$37,968 in 1996)

48th death rate (652.0 deaths from July 1995 to 1996 per 100,000 population)

45th (735.7 deaths per 100,000 population from July 1995 to 1996)

42nd (757.4 deaths per 100,000 population from July 1995 to 1996)

49th percent of households with a telephone (88.7% in 1990)

42nd (91.4% in 1990)

38th (92.0% in 1990)

50th average annual pay in manufacturing (\$24,503 in 1996)

18th (\$36,162 in 1996)

12th (\$37,870 in 1996)

50th motor vehicle registrations per capita (0.62 in 1994)

35th (0.74 registered vehicles per capita in 1994)

31st (0.76 registered vehicles per capita in 1994)

51st per-capita personal income (\$15,570 in 1995)

30th (\$21,119 in 1995)

21st (\$22,556 in 1995)

51st average annual pay in construction (\$23,139 in 1996)

24th (\$28,912 in 1996)

23rd (\$29,989 in 1996)

NOTE: For this analysis the Texas Border region includes these 43 Texas counties south of Interstate 10 and west of Interstate 37: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Brewster, Brooks, Cameron, Crockett, Culberson, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, El Paso, Frio, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Live Oak, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Nueces, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Reeves, San Patricio, Starr, Sutton, Terrell, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Willacy, Zapata, Zavala.

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